

## “Becoming Gay” Born or Chosen

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The debate concerning the issue of Heterosexuality versus Homosexuality has been at the forefront of the national debate for the past two decades. Although the issue is debated and in most instances highly contentious, the matter addresses both sides equally. That having been said, and using the formula, it is evident that neither those pushing the political agenda, or the religious agenda are willing to widen their views of the issues in an attempt to obtain the truth. The broader view as opposed to the narrow conceptions offered tend to answer the questions. However, both sides are more interested in the persuading or the tallying of support to join in on their philosophy surrounding the position in which they attempt to gain support for.

The best example of this matter of taking sides rather than open, mature opinion and debate on both sides exists in the following article concerning actor Rupert Everett. I was not only concerned about the statements of Mr. Everett, I was equally observant of the response, which I thought was surprising. In that, I think that the non tolerance put forth by the conservative groups are mirrored by the liberal organizations. In that regard, they are similar in their polarization.

In applying the formula to the issue of Born or Chosen Heterosexuality or Homosexuality, the answer or tally as it relates to the scales of justice is as consistent as ever. The statement made on a news program, where a guest stated: “Becoming Gay” along with the following article from the Huffington Post inspired me to apply the formula to this subject. Given the position of the opposing parties concerned with this matter, it is not at all to my surprise, the answer that weighed out.

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### **Rupert Everett Receives Death Threats After Criticizing Gay Parenting**

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**Actor Rupert Everett is on the receiving end of hate mail and death threats after he criticized gay parenting, saying, "There's nothing worse than being brought up by two gay dads."**

**Everett, a 53-year-old gay man, said that his recent comments on gay parenting have made him a marked man. "I've now had all this hate mail and there have been [death threats, too,](#)"**

[Everett told the Telegraph](#). "All the queens out there now have it in for me. I'm loathed by them. I'm having to take evasive action."

Death threats aimed at the "My Best Friend's Wedding" actor, who is now appearing in Sir David Hare's play "The Judas Kiss," came after he criticized gay parents during an interview with the *Sunday Times Magazine*.

"[Mom] thinks children need a father and a mother and I agree with her," he told the magazine. "I can't think of anything worse than being [brought up by two gay dads](#)... Some people might not agree with that. Fine! That's just my opinion," he said earlier this month.

The highly-publicized comments caught flak from all directions, including Ben Summerskill, Chief Executive of LGBT Rights Advocacy group Stonewall. Summerskill swatted back at Everett, responding, "Rupert should get out a little bit more to see the facts for himself. There is absolutely no evidence that the kids of gay parents suffer in the way they are being brought up or in how they develop."

GLAAD described his views as archaic. "Since [Everett shared his outdated opinion, gay parents](#), as well as their friends and families, have voiced overwhelming disappointment," the gay rights organization said in a statement obtained by E! News. "Children aren't hurt when raised by caring gay parents, but they are when uniformed people in the public eye insult their families."

However, the *Telegraph* notes that this is not the first time [Everett has vocalized disapproval of gay parenting](#).

Back in December 2010, the actor is quoted as having said: "I could never do that to a child. Can you imagine what it would be like having your two dads coming to school speech days? And hearing those awful queeny rows while you are trying to get to sleep?"

In 2008, he called [gay parenting "egocentric and vain."](#)